

Subject: HASS Karl, aka "Carlo"

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1. Subject lives in an apartment in a villa located on the Rome-Velletri highway about 5 kilometers before the latter town at the Poggidoro crossroad. He lives with a woman (whom he passes for his wife but who in reality has left her own husband to live with subject) and a child he had by this mistress.
2. During the last war Subject was an SS Major with directive functions in Rome SD. At the war's end he was imprisoned in Forte Boccea. Apparently he later managed to escape with American aid after having promised to collaborate with CIC.
3. Subject was initially furnished with an Austrian passport under the name of Karl STEINER. For more than a year Subject has been in possession of an Italian passport issued by the Ministry of Interior under the name of Mario GIUSTINI. According to this document he was born of Italian parents in Duesseldorf.
4. Aside from his self-alleged employment with CIC, it is certain that up to a few months ago Subject worked for a Jew attached to IRO, by whom it seems he was very well paid (the sum of \$1000 monthly has been mentioned). Following a quarrel the two broke off this contact.
5. Subject's CIC case officer appears to be an American NU who uses a Florence address but whose headquarters are actually at Linz in Austria. In Italy he goes under the name of BIANCHI. He is the godfather of Subject's child and it is reported that he is intimate with Subject's mistress. This alleged fact would be explanatory of BIANCHI's habit of personally bringing Subject's pay to him. If for any reason BIANCHI must postpone his trip to Italy, it is usually Subject's "wife" who goes to Linz to obtain his salary. She made such a trip only recently. Subject himself frequently goes to Bolzano where he has contact with one GRIESER, fnr. Subject's pay is in dollars and he is well supplied with American PX items.
6. It also appears that Subject works for the Italian Ministry of Interior.
7. Particularly interesting is the fact that Subject is suspected by his close acquaintances of working for the Cominform. This suspicion is supported by the following facts:

- 1) The previously mentioned IRO Jew (para 4 above) is not employed by CIC nor by the Ministry of Interior.

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b) A number of Germans, apparently all denounced by Subject, were arrested on suspicion of philo-Communism whereas in reality they were well known to profess views definitely opposed to Communism:

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i) BERGSMILLER Herbert, ex SS Captain, arrested in Rome, without sojourn permit, with his wife and a child, while he was carrying out emigration formalities for Argentina. Known in his own circle as a reliable anti-Communist.

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ii) FEUCHTINGER Karl, ex SS Lieutenant, whose anti-Communist sentiments are certainly well known to Subject with whom he once collaborated in the SD

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iii) HASSE Hans, ex-German Army Colonel and C.E. specialist, in Rome in connection with his intention to emigrate. Having made Subject's acquaintance he was invited to spend a few days in Subject's home. Subject later had him arrested on the usual accusation that he was pro-Communist

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iiii) LAUTERBACHER Hans, ex gauleiter, resident in Rome for approximately 1 1/2 years, in possession of regular sojourn permit issued under the name of BAUER, was arrested on the denunciation of Subject.

c) Unlike the cases mentioned above, Subject has never in any way molested the German Peter von der MAEPLITZ who definitely has Communist views and who is strongly suspected of being a Communist agent.

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d) Some months ago one WALBERG, fmu, accompanied by his wife, arrived in Rome from Spain with a letter of introduction to Subject. WALBERG is a mysterious individual, a Cominform agent sought by the Spanish authorities. As WALBERG was without a sojourn permit, Subject lodged him with friends and helped him to obtain a visa for Turkey. WALBERG was refused entry to Turkey for unknown reasons, however, and he returned to Rome taking lodgings at the Pensione Firenze. Sought by the INTERPOL, WALBERG fled Rome reappearing in Egypt. WALBERG's Egyptian visa was obtained through the good offices of Dr. HEDI. It appears that Subject had certain difficulties in this connection.

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e) WAECHTER, fmu, ex gauleiter in Austria, lived in Rome under the name REINHARD, without sojourn permit, in possession of an Italian identity card, preparing for emigration. In August 1948 WAECHTER suddenly became ill and was sent to Rome's Policlinic where he died a few days later. Precise causes of his death were never established but it should be noted that the day before his illness WAECHTER had eaten a hearty meal at Subject's home. It is rumored that during this meeting Subject made certain proposals which WAECHTER refused. It is also interesting that during WAECHTER's funeral Subject jokingly remarked to those present that he had poisoned WAECHTER.

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8. Another mysterious individual belonging to Subject's circle is one KUEPPERS Wilhelm, an employee of the UTECOM Company on Via Veneto. An ex Jesuit, KUEPPERS was expelled from his Order for unknown reasons and is now a collaborator of Subject. During the war he was an interpreter on ROMMEL's staff, was later assigned to Italy. Despite his suspect political views he is very well regarded by his two UTECOM chiefs, both of whom appear to be engaged in IS activities on behalf of unknown principals.

9. LAUTERBACHER (para 7-b-iii above) was also at one time employed by UTECOM and was hated by both Subject and KUEPPERS, probably because of his uncompromisingly anti-Communist views. KUEPPERS collaborated with Subject in denouncing LAUTERBACHER.

10. Recent information is to the effect that Subject no longer is employed by the Americans because it appears that RYANCHI, dissatisfied with Subject's work, maintained the contact only as cover for his relationship with Subject's mistress.

11. Field Comment: The present report was received gratuitously from Source whose desire to continue cordial relations with [] is undoubtedly heightened by the present unstable political situation. He has promised a follow-up of this material and an attempt will be made to ascertain his source of information.

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